

SENATE BILL 1190

By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to the posting of  
security in animal abuse prosecutions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-210, is amended by inserting  
the following between the fifth and sixth sentences of subsection (g):

If security ordered pursuant to this subsection (g) is not posted within seventy-  
two (72) hours following the issuance of a security order, the animal shall be deemed to  
have been abandoned, the defendant shall forfeit all ownership interest in the animal,  
and the animal may be disposed of by the governmental animal control agency or  
humane society in accordance with reasonable practices for the humane treatment of  
animals. Failure to post the ordered security under this subsection (g) shall not forfeit  
any ownership rights in the animal except those of the defendant or defendants in the  
pending criminal proceeding.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring  
it.